INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

I cordially invite you to our Northern New England Neurological Society annual meeting which will take place in mid-October at Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. As always, the meeting will be a unique opportunity to meet neurologists and neuroscientists new to our society as we visit the beautiful Seacoast Region of New Hampshire. This year, in addition to speakers from the University of Vermont, Maine Medical Center, and Dartmouth, we have invited four speakers from the Mayo Clinic to join us. We have organized the curriculum to cover a wide variety of current topics in clinical neurology.

I hope that you will join us for this exciting program!

Krzysztof Biurski, MD
President, Northern New England Neurological Society

AUDIENCE

Physicians and other members of the Northern New England Neurological Society (NNENS), past and present neurology residents, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other neuroscience professionals. You do not need to be a NNENS member to attend.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Discuss the impact of novel immunologic treatments for CNS tumors.
2. Provide a consistent, efficacious and common sense strategy for the treatment of Parkinson’s disease.
3. Describe the use of CBD (medical marijuana) in epilepsy.
4. Explain the usefulness of Optical Coherence Tomography in neuro-ophthalmic disease.
5. Outline potential environmental risk factors and routes of exposure for sporadic ALS.
6. Characterize, in a clinically relevant way, the principal presenting features of the common non-Alzheimer dementia.
7. Describe how emerging molecular classification of gliomas will supplement traditional grading and outcomes.
8. Discuss advances in thrombectomy for treatment of acute stroke.

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The University of Vermont College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This program has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 9.75 Nursing Contact Hours.

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Please note, if you do not attend the optional dinner, the conference is only accredited for 8.75 credits.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, October 16, 2015

8:45am  Registration and Exhibits
9:15  Immune Therapy for Central Nervous System Tumors
     Alissa Thomas, MD
10:00  Treating Parkinson's Disease: Simpler, Cheaper and Better
     J. Eric Ahlskog, MD, PhD
10:45  Break
11:00  Medical Marijuana and Epilepsy
     Richard Morse, MD
     Shayne Lynn, BA
12:00  Lunch
1:00  OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) Use in Neuro-ophthalmic Conditions
     Jacqueline Leavitt, MD
1:45  Cyanobacteria as an Environmental Trigger for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
     Elijah Stommel, MD, PhD
2:30  Behavioral Manifestations of Limbic System Disorders: Is There a Common Denominator?
     Deborah Black, MDCM, CPQ, FRCP(C)
3:15  Break and Exhibits
3:30  Overview of Non-AD Dementia
     David Knopman, MD
4:15  Resident Research Presentations and Awards
4:30  Adjourn
5:00  Dinner - Radici Restaurant
5:45  How Preconscious Operations Create Conscious Perception
     Peter Tse, PhD

Saturday, October 17, 2015

7:45am  Continental Breakfast and Exhibits
8:30  Business Meeting
     Krzysztof Bujarski, MD
9:15  Clinical Trials Update
     Timothy Lukowski, MD
     Rup Tandan, MD, FRCP
10:00  Break, Exhibits and NNENS Group Picture
10:30  Defining a Molecular Classification for Glioma
     Daniel Lachance, MD
11:15  Updates in Thrombolysis
     Diana Rojas-Soto, MD
12:00  Closing Remarks
     Krzysztof Bujarski, MD
12:30pm  Conference Adjourns

Course #: 16-801-80

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The dinner on Friday night will take place at Radici located in downtown Portsmouth. Attendees and their guests are welcome to attend. Tickets are $45 per person. The dinner includes a talk which has been awarded 1 hour of credit. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a fun night of learning and great food.

BREAK, EXHIBITS AND NNENS GROUP PICTURE

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